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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 665092	FOR FURTHER ACTION		see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/JP2005/004870	International filing date (day/month/year) 14.03.2005	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 12.03.2004	
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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 5 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (See Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

as suggested by the applicant.

as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 14 are not new compared to D1: JP2003-194545 A.

Feature in Claim2 is Shape of the support spring, Claim6 is Capacitance-adjusting electrode, Claim8 is Divided stationary driving electrode, Claim9 is Distance-adjusting electrode, Claim10 is Stationary driving electrode avoids a maximum amplitude region, Claim11 is "Said electrode wiring" (not mentioned in preceding claims), Claim12 is Thickness of driven mass body, Claim13 is Through-hole in driven mass body, Claim15 is Specified structure to detect acceleration, Claim16 is Using a pair of gyro sensors.

There is no special technical feature common to above claims. It is obvious that they are not linked so as to form a single general inventive concept.

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
1-5, 7, 14

Remark on Protest

- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The primary base plate(1) is provided with a driven mass body(11) to be driven in such a manner as to be vibrated in a direction intersecting with a surface of the support base plate(2), and a detection mass body(12) coupled with the driven mass body (11) through a drive spring(13) and adapted to be displaceable in a plane along the support base plate(2). Two detection springs(15) extending in the arranging direction of the driven mass body(11) and the detection mass body(12) are connected, respectively, to opposite sides of the detection mass body(12), and the other ends of the detection springs(15) are connected together through a coupling segment(16).

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl.⁷ G01C19/56, G01P9/04

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Published examined utility model applications of Japan 1922-1996

Published unexamined utility model applications of Japan 1971-2005

Registered utility model specifications of Japan 1996-2005

Published registered utility model applications of Japan 1994-2005

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	JP 2003-194545 A (Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.), 2003.07.09,	1,3-5,7,14
Y	Par.No.[0015],[0024]-[0030], Fig.3-5,10-12, (Family: None)	2
Y	JP 11-2526 A (Mitsubishi Denki Kabushiki Kaisha), 1999.01.06, Par.No.[0014], Fig.1,	2
A	Par.No.[0012] &US 6125700 A1 &DE 19801981 A	4,14
A	JP 6-281665 A (Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.), 1994.10.07, Par.No.[0053], Fig.1 &WO 94/17363 A &US 5559291 A &EP 634629 A	1-5,7,14
A	JP 7-239339 A (Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.), 1995.09.12, Par.No.[0019], (Family: None)	1-5,7,14

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

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- "E" earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date
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- "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
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C (Continuation). DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
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A	JP 2001-82964 A (Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.), 2001.03.30, Par.No.[0079] &US 2001/2551 A1 &DE 10059774 A	1-5,7,14